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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Notification dated June 29, 2001 (copy attached), the applicants submit the requisite Declaration was filed with the undersigned's transmittal letter of June 21, 2001. A further copy of the undersigned's transmittal letter and Declaration filed June 21, 2001, are attached along with the undersigned's postcard receipt from the filing of the same. Nothing further is believed to be required at this time however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if otherwise.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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